

# NJDOT's 50th Anniversary Celebration and Employee Appreciation Picnic

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CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF SERVICE  
TO NEW JERSEY



Thursday, June 16, 2016  
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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

# Proclamation

WHEREAS, New Jersey has had a long and storied transportation history that has included many "firsts," such as the world's first regular steam ferry service beginning around 1785, the first hot air balloon flight in the United States in 1793, the first asphalt pavement in the Nation laid in 1870 and the first Object Lesson Road built by the federal government in 1897; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey passed the landmark State Aid Act in 1891, becoming the first State in the Nation to officially recognize its responsibility for roadway improvements and set the stage for the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1916; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey has been in the forefront of highway design that has included construction of the first three-lane highway in 1920, the first traffic circle in 1925 with the Camden Airport Circle, the Nation's first cloverleaf in 1928 in Woodbridge, New Jersey, the invention of the reflecting curb in 1938, the development of the central concrete safety barrier that has become known as the "Jersey Barrier" in 1954 and patented the load-concentrated breakaway coupling for large sign posts in 1970; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey established the New Jersey State Highway Department in 1920, which was subsequently legislated as the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) by the Transportation Act of 1966 making it the first such State transportation agency to be established in concert with the creation of the U.S. Department of Transportation in 1966 with the goals of developing, maintaining and promoting a comprehensive plan for transportation development and to foster efficient and economic public transportation services in the State; and

WHEREAS, since its foundation, NJDOT has grown to oversee New Jersey's transportation system, which includes more than 39,000 miles of roadway, more than 6,400 bridges, 981 miles of freight railroad, 43 public use airports and three major water ports, along with the Nation's third largest transit system of bus, rail and light rail transit service that covers a service area of 5,325 square miles, linking major points in the tri-state area; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Transportation has continued to be at the forefront of innovation and excellence in the transportation industry recognized by the Federal Highway Administration, the American Council of Engineering Companies, the National Association of Environmental Professionals, the Consulting Engineers Council of New Jersey, the New Jersey Section of American Society of Civil Engineers, and the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's transportation system continues to be vital to the future of the State and its economic development;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS CHRISTIE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby recognize:

THE NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

on its Golden Anniversary, and commend the hard work of its employees, past and present, and honoring the Department for its meritorious record over the past 50 years of improving the lives of New Jersey's residents by improving our State's vast transportation system and by being a leader in the transportation industry.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this thirteenth day of June in the year two thousand sixteen, the two hundred fortieth year of the Independence of the United States.

Lt. GOVERNOR

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# 50th Anniversary Celebration Program

- 9:00 a.m. **Commissioner Rick Hammer's Reception** for former Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners and Chiefs of Staff (Commissioner's Wing)
- 9:50 a.m. **Group Photo of Dignitaries** (Outside the entrance to the Main Office Building)
- 10:15 a.m. **Panel Discussion** with former Commissioners \*Lou Gambaccini, Anne Canby, Roger Bodman, Hazel Gluck, Jim Weinstein, Jamie Fox, Jack Lettiere, Kris Kolluri, Stephen Dilts, \*Russ Mullen, \*Dennis Keck and \*Robert Innocenzi (Commissioner Rick Hammer will moderate a discussion and ask our Dignitaries a series of questions.)
- \*Acting Commissioner  
\*Debbie Wathen Finn to represent Commissioner Gambaccini
- 11:30 a.m. **50th Anniversary Celebration Ceremony, Reading of Governor Chris Christie's Proclamation, and Ceremonial Cutting of the Cake** (Commissioner Rick Hammer, Deputy Commissioner Joe Bertoni, FHWA Division Administrator Robert Clark, NJDOT's Senior Leadership and all Dignitaries (outdoors by the Employee Memorial)
- 11:30 a.m. **Employee Appreciation Picnic** coordinated by the Employee Memorial Committee. DJ Mike Kinley will commemorate the 50th anniversary by playing songs from the 60's onward.

All employees are welcome to sign the **50th Anniversary Celebration Canvas** at the picnic (created by NJDOT employee, Shan Sundaram)

**50th Anniversary Celebration Video** (created by Asim (Frank) Zamin) with assistance from Glenn Catana and Gerald Oliveto, will be featured in the Multi-Purpose Room during the afternoon hours.

**Many thanks to all those who made this day possible...**

Our returning Dignitaries, former and current NJDOT employees

NJDOT's 50th Anniversary Celebration Committee

NJDOT's Reception Committee

NJDOT's Employee Appreciation Picnic Volunteers

Debby Hatzisavvas and the Support Services Staff

Donna Deveney, Kyle McNeill and the IT Team

Employee Memorial Committee, DOT LOGO Store and Sharon Hartley

John Maida - Photographer

Scott Ackerman - Videography

Glenn Catana and Rich Crockett - Artwork, Program, Posters and Displays

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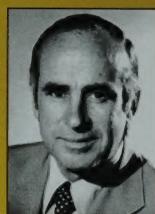
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**David J. Goldberg**  
1966-1970



**John C. Kohl**  
1970-1974



**Alan Sagner**  
1974-1977



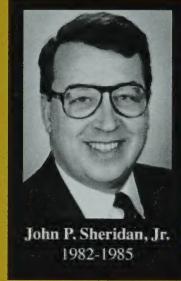
**Russell Mullen\***  
1977-1978



**Louis J. Gambaccini**  
1978-1981



**Anne P. Canby**  
1981-1982



**John P. Sheridan, Jr.**  
1982-1985



**Roger A. Bodman**  
1985-1986



**Hazel Frank Gluck**  
1986-1989



**Robert Innocenzi\***  
1989-1990



**Tom Downs**  
1990-1993



**Kathy Stanwick\***  
1993-1994



**Dennis Keck\***  
1994



**Frank J. Wilson**  
1994-1996



**John J. Haley**  
1997-1998



**James Weinstein**  
1998-2001



**Jamie Fox**  
2002, 2014-2015



**Jack Lettiere**  
2003-2006



**Kris Kolluri**  
2006-2008



**Stephen Dilts**  
2008-2010



**James S. Simpson**  
2010-2014



**Joseph Bertoni\***  
2014, 2015



**Richard T. Hammer**  
2015-present

\*Acting

Thank you Commissioners for joining us for NJDOT's Golden Anniversary

**Paszamant, Carol**

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**From:** ANNOUNCEMENT, DOT  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 15, 2016 2:32 PM  
**Subject:** NJDOT's 50th Anniversary Celebration - Events being held on Thursday, June 16th

**To all NJDOT Employees**

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Here is a list of activities that will be taking place tomorrow, Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup> in celebration of NJDOT's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. All events will be held tomorrow rain or shine. If there are any changes, we will send out a DOT Announcement early tomorrow morning.

**10:15 a.m. – Commissioner Rick Hammer's Panel Discussion** with former Commissioners will take place in the Headquarters Multi-Purpose Room. Space will be limited so employees can also view the Panel Discussion in the Cafeteria. **There will also be simulcasting to the regional facilities** - In the North Region (Mt. Arlington) in Conference Room 1A and in the South Region (Cherry Hill) in the 1st Floor Multi-Purpose Room.

**11:30 a.m. – Brief Ceremony:** A Ceremony will be held outdoors by the Employee Memorial (**weather permitting**) which will include a ceremonial cake cutting in celebration of NJDOT's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. In case of inclement weather, this ceremony will be held in the Cafeteria.

**Following the Ceremony, the Employee Appreciation Picnic will be held outdoors (weather permitting).** Employees attending the picnic are welcome to sign the 50th Anniversary Canvas that has been created by NJDOT's own Shan Sundaram from CPM. If you cannot attend the picnic, this canvas will be taken to the Road-e-o in the Fall and to the Regions so that everyone can be included in this anniversary memento.

**A 50th Anniversary Video** (approximately 15 minutes in length) can be viewed in the Ewing Multi-Purpose Room on the afternoon of the picnic between the hours of 1:00 pm. to 4:00 pm. It will be playing on a continuous loop so that employees can come at any time between these hours to view it. After tomorrow's celebration, copies of the video will be given to the regions so that times can be arranged for employees to view the anniversary video.

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Displays:**

As you may have noticed, displays have been arranged around the Department with photographs from the 1960's. A new decade will be featured every month. We have added a few of these photographs to the 50th Anniversary website at <http://njdotintranet.dot.state.nj.us/about/50th/1960s.shtml>.

Thank you for taking the time to commemorate NJDOT's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.





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### Employee Appreciation Picnic & 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

**Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup>  
Ewing Headquarters**

Please join Acting Commissioner Rick Hammer for the following festivities in celebration of NJDOT's 50th Anniversary.



**10:15am**

#### Panel Discussion with Former Commissioners

NJDOT's Ewing MPR

with overflow seating in the Cafeteria.  
(Simulcast to Regional Facilities)

**11:30am**

#### 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Ceremony

in the vicinity of the Employee Memorial

#### Immediately following the Ceremony

#### Employee Appreciation Picnic

in the vicinity of the Employee Memorial.

Don't forget to sign the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Canvas created by NJDOT's own Shan Sundaram.

**\*\*Casual Attire Permitted\*\***

**1-4pm**

#### 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Video

NJDOT's Ewing MPR

(A 15 minute continuous loop)

[View photographs from the 1960's](#)

We hope that you can participate in this milestone celebration!



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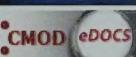
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